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SUBJECT: MATHEA FALCO MEETINGS WITH CAMBODIAN CONTACT

REF: HONG KONG 4348

1. POST SHOULD ENSURE THAT FOLLOWING INFORMATION MADE
AVAILABLE TO MS. FALCO AS BACKGROUND FOR HER MEETING:

-- THERE IS A LEGISLATIVE RESTRICTION ON PROVISION OF USG
ASSISTANCE TO CAMBODIA, EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH ANY
SPECIAL MULTILATERAL EFFORT. THEREFORE, IT WOULD NOT BE
POSSIBLE FOR USG TO PROVIDE AID WITHOUT CONGRESSIONAL
APPROVAL.

-- USG ALSO HAS LICENSE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE EXPORT OF ANY
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MATERIAL FOR
PRIVATE AID OR COMMERCIAL SALES TO CAMBODIA.
SINCE OCTOBER 1976 THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, ON THE RECO-
MENDATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, HAS LICENSED SALES
OF DDT WORTH SOME 1.6 MILLION DOLS TO CAMBODIA. WE
PUBLICLY SAID THAT OUR APPROVAL OF THE LICENSES RESPONDED
TO A CLEAR HUMANITARIAN NEED: WIDESPREAD MALARIA HAD

CREATED AN URGENT PUBLIC HEALTH REQUIREMENT FOR THE DDT.
THE AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE WAS ALSO GRANTED
A LICENSE TO PROVIDE A SMALL AMOUNT OF PRIVATE

ANTI-MALARIAL HUMANITARIAN AID LAST SPRING.

--THE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT HAS EMPHASIZED ITS COMPLETE
SELF-RELIANCE THUS FAR AND HAS ACCEPTED ASSISTANCE
RECENTLY ONLY FROM THE PRC, YUGOSLAVIA, AND NORTH
KOREA. THE CAMBODIANS HAVE AVOIDED CONTACTS WITH
THE UNITED STATES AND, UNLIKE VIETNAM AND LAOS, HAVE
NOT SOUGHT OR RECEIVED AID FROM EITHER THE USG OR ANY
INTERNATIONAL AGENCY OR INSTITUTION. IT IS OUR ASSESS-
MENT THAT THEY WOULD REJECT ANY AMERICAN ASSISTANCE,
JUST AS THEY REFUSED TO RECEIVE THE WOODCOCK COMMISSION.

2. IN VIEW OF SITUATION DESCRIBED ABOVE, DEPT WOULD
APPRECIATE FULL REPORT ON CONVERSATION.

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